

Assembly

MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - MAR. 1, 1971

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 3:25 P.M.

Present: R. Young, Howard, Capurro, F. Young, Brookman, Mello, Schofield, Swackhamer, Hilbrecht, Lingenfelter

Absent: Hafen

Guests: Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst; John Dolan, Budget; George Frank, UPI; Joe McNamee, Good Shepherd Home; Sisters Marion and Genevive, Good Shepherd Home; J. Smith, Roy Knisley, Dick Hanna, John Meder, Tahoe Regional Planning; Roy Robinette, Citizens Comm. Lake Tahoe; James Deskin, Athletic Commission; Del Frost, Admin. Vocational Rehabilitation; M. Yasmer, Chief Fiscal, Vocational Rehabilitation; A. McLeod, Budget.

Chairman Young asked for approval of the minutes of the Feb. 22, meeting.

Mr. Mello moved approval of the minutes.
Mr. Howard Seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

PAGE 263 - HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Representatives of the Home of the Good Shepherd appeared before the Committee for two purposes: (1) Increased funding from \$200 a month per girl to \$300 per month per girl, (2) To discuss the means by which the girls are currently being placed.

Mr. McNamee cited NRS 62-100, which states that the court may commit a girl after prior approval of the director of the Nevada Girl's Training Center, and NRS 62-230 which states that you can't commit a girl unless there exists sufficient funds. Mr. McNamee stated that these two clauses have resulted in a disadvantage to the school as well as to the State. Home of the Good Shepherd request that the language be changed in NRS62-230 to read that placement be made through recommendation of judges. In addition, Mr. McNamee stated that S.B. 268 deletes the language that we are talking about.

Average girl spends about 15.8 months at home according to Mr. McNamee. He stated that the average cost to rehabilitate each girl is \$3,100. Rate of recidivism dropped from 9.2% to this years 8.5%, and the equivalent recidivism rate at Caliente being 22.8% to 26.5% respectively.

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Disagreement concerning recidivism rate. Mr. Miller stated that in 69-70 the average stay at Good Shepherd was 19.8 months and that 40% of these girls failed when they were released. Mr. McNamee stated that Mr. Miller's figures of 40% recidivism included girls that have been at Good Shepherd for a few weeks and were returned to Caliente as being unsuitable girls for their home. Mr. Miller disagreed. Mr. McNamee stated that they rejected Mr. Miller's list of recidivism and stated that they would submit a list to the Committee.

Parole - Mr. McNamee stated that the sisters have done their own parole work on a "shoestring basis." Mr. Miller stated they have 3 parole officers who work in conjunction with Good Shepherd. It was his opinion that the State should do the parole work. Mr. Miller said that he had not had a single request from probation officers to put one girl in the home. In answer to Mr. F. Young's question as regards cutting off funds when a girl is paroled, Sister Marion stated that a parole release notification is sent to Mr. Miller and juvenile Court.

Mr. McNamee stated that the home needs additional funds for parole and travel. The following consists of additional personnel needed at home: (1) Two additional full time teachers; (2) One full time social worker, (3) Psychological consultant.

Expenses - Mr. McNamee stated that their expenses are equal to their income and they anticipate a 50% increase in expenses; therefore, they want to increase cost per girl from \$200 - \$300 per month. All of the additional personnel positions stated above would be covered by new rate of \$300 per month.

Another problem stated by Mr. McNamee was whether the pre-delinquent girls should go to Caliente because it is not filled to capacity or should they be sent to Good Shepherd because of environment. Mr. McNamee stated that Mr. Miller feels that Caliente should be filled before Good Shepherd is filled; Good Shepherd does not concur with this.

Capacity of home is 64 girls, but home presently has 65 girls. However plant was designed to care for 112 with the exception of dorms. Mr. McNamee stated that they have been in contact with the Fleischman foundation and perhaps monies would be available.

Mr. McNamee said that they are basing their cost by taking their total operational cost and dividing it by the number of months and number of girls. He questioned Mr. Miller as to how the budget was derived. Mr. Miller replied that it was derived by the number of girls serviced in 8½ months.

Mr. F. Young questioned Mr. Miller about cost per girl per month at Caliente. Mr. Miller replied that cost was figured on an average stay of 8 months and added that there is more than one way to look at it.

Mr. Wahrenbrock stated that he thought the Committee should consider giving some thought to the arrangement at Spring Mountain Youth Center and possibly use the same arrangement here at Good Shepherd.

Mrs. Brookman questioned Mr. Miller as to why he kept criticizing the Home of the Good Shepherd. Mr. Miller stated that there were a lot of failures and that he did not like the program. He also added that he didn't like the way they handled the discipline problems and further added that the whole state knew the failure rate of this institution.

Mr. Schofield stated that there should be some type of compromise on this to make it a more efficient operation. Mr. McNamee replied that as long as funds are available to other uses at Caliente, and if girls are not placed at Good Shepherd, the State is building in a conflict of interest. The Home of the Good Shepherd feels that a change of funding would solve the present conflict.

PAGE 371 - TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING

Apportionment is made on assessment of land in Tahoe Basin. 62% of land is in California and 38% of land is in Nevada respectively.

Mr. Smith stated the agency will need \$375,000. They are requesting an appropriation of \$56,714 for each year in the coming biennium to continue their work program. Governor recommends appropriation of \$50,000. Mr. Smith replied in answer to Mr. Lingenfelter's question that \$103,125 was initially requested, but that there would be federal and local funds involved in this total including the State's contribution. Mr. Knisley stated that Eldorado and Placer Counties in California have suits pending because they do not want to pay; however, he added that money has been budgeted. (There exists a provision in the compact for counties to share in costs not to exceed \$150,000 a year. Counties in

California are testing constitutionality of compact.)

Mr. Hannah stated that there will be a request for foundation grants; however, straight across the board matching is not available.

PAGE 328 - ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Mr. Dolan distributed to Committee members a new budget.

Athletic Commission is a nonfunded State agency. Mr. Deskin stated that he needed the support of Committee to maintain the Commission. Boxing revenues are down. Mr. Dolan suggested that they have a bill drawn up stating in effect that any fees they collect would be deposited into the General Fund.

Mr. Deskin stated that they only receive \$204 in taxes but that it costs over \$900 to administer the program. He is reluctant to raise taxes from 3¢ to 5¢. He stated that they also collect from fights that are on television (Commission gets 3% of gross over T.V.).

PAGE 251 - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Mr. Del Frost explained the funding. He stated that they are receiving a very slight increase in General Funding. Governor's recommendation will give them only a slight increase on paper, but considering the 5% salary increase and the 25% increase in level of service costs in next biennium, they will end up with a cut in rehabilitation program.

Mr. Frost stated that the main thrust of program is to rehabilitate physically and mentally handicapped people. 18.3% of their clients are welfare recipients.

Mr. Frost cited a problem with Federal funds. He stated that they would not receive \$1,000,000 using the present formula. He mentioned that ^{representative} ~~Senator~~ Baring had fought for this agency to receive \$1,000,000 and that they are waiting for Congress to increase this amount to \$2,000,000. He stated that they would need \$250,000 or 20% more to match this amount.

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Other Owned Building Rent: Mr. Frost stated that they do not occupy any State Buildings.

Special Reports - This line item in past was called, "special services for projects."

Client Payroll - Mr. Frost explained that this is a subsistence allowance and they get about \$3.00 per day.

PAGE 256 - OASI DETERMINATION UNIT -

No change.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

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